ed by Central, South Central and South Eastern Railways.

Protest against delicensing of Dairy Industry

734. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the protest by the cooperative dairy societies against delicensing of the dairy industry; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) The impact of this Policy on the cooperative dairy sector being assessed. The interests of the cooperative dairy sector will be protected.

Increase in the Passenger Traffic

735. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that railways had managed to carry four times the passenger traffic between 1950-88 although increase in running track KM had only increased by 30 per cent and number of coaches by only 110 per cent; and

(b) if so, what has been the improvement in carrying passengers traffic as on date in terms of passenger Kms with per thousand seating capacity and coach utilisation in terms of per route-km over the levels that prevailed during 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The Passenger Traffic in terms of Passengers KMs has become 3.96 times, the increase in running track kilometres and passenger carrying coaches is 31.2 per cent and 126.9 per cent respectively in 1988-89 as compared to 1950-51.

(b) Passenger Kilometres per thousand seating capacity and Passenger Kilometres per Route Kilometre have improved by 5.2 per cent and 6.1 per cent respectively in 1989-90 as compared to 1988-89.

Approving the design of BOXN Wagon

736. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railway Board and the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO) took as many as seven years to approve the design of BOXN Wagon, the modified BOXN Wagon although Government had accorded priority to manufacture BOXN Wagons; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the undue delay in sanctioning of the design; what steps Government propose to take in effecting improvements in the methodology of approval to avoid such delays in the future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) There was no undue delay in evolving and approving the design of BOXN wagons. The procedure, practice and methodology involved in this type of development are quite well set out. Within the overall procedure the steps necessary for each design project are not identical. The progress in case of each project is monitored from step to step till the development is completed. This was followed in the case of development of design for BOXN wagons also.

Assistance to Rajasthan for completion of Indira Gandhi Canal Project

737. SHRI B. L. PANWAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any project of External Assistance which was proposed and submitted by the States of Rajasthan for completion of the